"(c) The answer is in the affirmative. Orders have since been issued placing the District Panchayat Officer in charge of the panchayat board.

"(d) The question does not arise in view of the answer to clause (c).

"(e) The ex-special officer was not paid salary but a honorarium of Rs. 15 per mensem. His qualifications are not known. The candidate recommended by the President, District Board, Kistna, was one Kathari Manikya Ramachandra Rao (son of Sarishtadar-Magistrate, Taluk office, Nandigama), a graduate of the Andhra University."

SRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU:—"With reference to the answer to clause (a) of the question, may I know whether there is any disqualification attached to a person to be appointed as special officer, if he is connected with the Congress Committee?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—"None, Sir."

Circular, if any, to the trustees and executive officers of religious endowments for preferring khadi to mill cloth.

* 106 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI on behalf of Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether trustees and executive officers of religious endowments have been circularized by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board to prefer khadi to mill-yarn in making purchases of cloth for temple purposes; whether the board circularized in the said manner on instructions from the Government or *suo motu*?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"Yes; the board issued a circular in the manner set out in the question at the instance of Government with a view to encourage khadi."

Damages caused by floods in Kistna district and preventive measures taken.

* 107 *Q.*—SRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the damage caused to portions of the Kistna district by the periodical floods of the Budameru;

(b) what proposals have been made to prevent the damage; and

(c) what action do the Government propose to take either to avoid or to mitigate the damage so occasioned?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—"(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

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"(b) & (c) In order to prevent damages to the Ellore canal and to mitigate the submersion of lands bordering the Budameru during high floods, a proposal to construct inlets and outlets between Kesarupalli and Enikepad aqueducts on the Ellore canal was approved by Government in March 1936 at a cost of Rs. 34,000. The work is now under execution."

Kalvarayan Hills Reservoir Scheme of South Arcot.

* 108 *Q.*—SRI R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorial was submitted to the Government in April last about the Kalvarayan Hills Reservoir Scheme in the district of South Arcot;

(b) whether any and if so, what action was taken thereon; and

(c) if not, whether it is proposed to take steps shortly in this direction?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—"(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(b) & (c) The memorial has been referred to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for report and his report is awaited."

Alleged issue of notice for the removal of the President of Kapileswarapuram Panchayat Board and the order of the Government regarding its supersession.

* 109 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI on behalf of Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any notice was issued by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards to Sri T. V. Krishniah, the President of the Kapileswarapuram Panchayat Board, calling upon him to show cause why he should not be removed; if so, whether a copy of the notice will be placed on the table of the House together with the report of District Panchayat Officer;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of the above notice, the Government issued a Government Order proposing to dissolve and reconstitute the panchayat board under section 45 (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act; if so, will the same be placed on the table of the House;

(c) why did the Government issue a further order proposing to supersede the panchayat board for a period of one year under section 45-A (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act;

(d) how many petitions were received from the members of the panchayat board requesting the removal of the President and protesting against action under section 45-A (1) and whether those petitions will be placed on the table of the House;